

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
HB 1706 Ad Hoc Committee**

MINUTES

November 24, 2003

The HB 1706 Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, MD met on Monday, November 24, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions ("DHP"). A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, MD, Chair
Stephen Heretick
Sue Ellen Rocovich, MD
Warren Koontz, MD
Bill Archambault
Jeffrey Young, MD
Mike Jurgensen
Ralph Clark, MD
Susan Ward
Jay Collins, MD
Lynne Fleming

MEMBERS ABSENT: James F. Allen, MD
Jeff Parker, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensure
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Regulatory Analyst
Carmen M. Quinones, Recording Secretary

Review of HB 1706

Ms. Yeatts presented three parts to House Bill 1706 for discussion. The first was to adopt guidelines for physicians practicing in emergency rooms, the second was addressing informed consent and other invasive procedures and the third was addressing informed consent and the use of newly dead patients as training subjects without consent of next of kin. She reminded the Committee that a guidance document is not binding and that they were not charged with creating regulations. The Committee looked at the intent of current AMA guidelines and talked about the effect of guidelines and questioned what would be the final product. It was felt that the goal was to expand and incorporate into the current guidelines or create a new document to go along with the current. It was found that there are procedures in place at some hospitals regarding the newly dead. Ms Yeatts asked that representatives of the hospitals present who have guidelines provide those to her and she would draft wording similar to the AMA guidelines.

The definition of invasive procedures was discussed at length. Mr. Heretick moved that the Board authorize medical schools to formulate language to define invasive procedures and report back to Ms. Yeatts. The motion was seconded and carried. It was also suggested to collect medical school's emergency room policies and provide to Ms. Yeatts.

Ms. Yeatts suggested the topic of guidelines should designate who and what the guidelines address. She said we should look at the process and issue of who signs informed consent, who actually treats the patient and explain role of all participants.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at this time, Dr. Reynolds-Cane brought the meeting to a close.

Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, MD
Chair

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